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SUBJECT: ACCOUNT OF ARCHBISHOP'S DEATH IN UGANDA

REF: KIGALI 197

1. UGANDAN CLERGYMAN WHO ARRIVED IN KENYA ON FEB 27
PROVIDED FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP
LUWUM AND TWO CABINET MINISTERS, BASED ON INFORMATION
OBTAINED DIRECTLY FROM CHRISTIANS IN UGANDA ARMY AND
IN HOSPITAL.

2. ACCORDING ARMY PERSONNEL, AMIN ORDERED FOUR ENLISTED
MEN TO SHOOT ARCHBISHOP AND TWO MINISTERS. THEY
COMPLIED BY SHOOTING TWO MINISTERS, BUT REFUSED TO KILL
ARCHBISHOP SINCE THREE OF THE FOUR WERE CHRISTIANS. AMIN
THEREUPON PERSONALLY SHOT ALL FOUR RECALCITRANT
SOLDIERS AND SHOT THE ARCHBISHOP THREE TIMES, ONCE
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IN HEAD, TWICE IN CHEST. AMIN ORDERED OTHER SOLDIERS
TO RUN OVER THE BODIES WITH VEHICLE TO MAKE IT APPEAR
THAT THEY HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN AUTO ACCIDENT. THIS
WAS DONE IN THE CASE OF TWO MINISTERS, BUT UNBEKNOWNST
TO AMIN THE SOLDIERS FAILED TO CARRY OUT THE ORDER
WITH ARCHBISHOP'S BODY, AGAIN BECAUSE THEY WERE CHRISTIANS.

3. BODIES WERE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL AND HOSPITAL OFFICIAL WAS FORCED TO SIGN POST-MORTEM WHICH LISTED CAUSE OF DEATH AS AUTO CRASH. HOWEVER, NURSES SAW THREE BULLET WOUNDS IN BODY OF ARCHBISHOP. SOURCE CLAIMED HE HAD SPOKEN PERSONALLY WITH THESE NURSES. SEVERAL ANGLICAN BISHOPS IDENTIFIED BODY IN HOSPITAL, BUT WERE ONLY ALLOWED TO VIEW UPPER PART OF FACE.

4. SOURCE SAID BURIAL OF ARCHBISHOP TOOK PLACE AT HIS HOME VILLAGE UNDER ARMED GUARD; NO ONE WAS ALLOWED TO VIEW BODY.

5. SOURCE ALSO SAID THREE ANGLICAN BISHOPS HAVE FLED UGANDA SINCE DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP.

6. COMMENT: THERE ARE SOME UNEXPLAINED ASPECTS OF THIS STORY, SUCH AS WHY THREE BODIES WERE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL WHERE BULLET WOUNDS COULD BE SEEN. IT VARIES SOMEWHAT FROM REPORT IN REFTEL. NEVERTHELESS, THIS VERSION OF ARCHBISHOP'S DEATH IS APPARENTLY WIDELY BELIEVED IN CHURCH CIRCLES IN UGANDA.

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